

In response to a troubling EEOC report regarding equal employment practices at the Department of the Interior, [Chairman Towns is seeking additional details](#) surrounding the failures of the Equal Employment Opportunity program at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

[From Joe Davidson at the Washington Post](#) (September 22, 2010):

Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, informed [Interior Secretary Ken] Salazar by letter Tuesday that the panel "is investigating the standards, practices, and policies employed by Interior to achieve a diverse workforce and maintain accountability for violations of anti-discrimination laws."

Towns told Salazar to provide documents and other information, including the racial and ethnic breakdown of major agencies in the department, a detailed description of the Fish and Wildlife Service's equal employment opportunity program and an explanation of Interior efforts to increase diversity.